port of processed mica and mica scrap is canalised through Mica Trading Corporation of India (MITCO). Though exports are canalised private exporters have been afforded the facility to obtain export orders from General Currency Area and service 50 per cent of such orders themselves and the balance 50 per cent is left for servicing by MITCO.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. Out of the total exports during the year 1984-85, 74 per cent of the orders were obtained directly by MITCO.

**Safety measures in chemical factories**

156. SHRI BISWA GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to ensure industrial safety in private and public sector chemical plants and factories in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have implemented all the recommendations of the International Labour Organisation with regard to the industrial safety?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) The State Governments and administrations of Union Territories who enforce the provisions of the Factories Act have taken measures to identify the hazardous units and to make sure through inspection that the units maintained adequate safety standards. Central Government have advised the State Governments and Administration of Union Territories to appoint more number of specialist inspectors — chemicals and medical.

(c) The International Labour Organisation had adopted a number of Conventions and Recommendations on the subject of occupational safety and health. Some of the general instruments in this regard are (a) Guarding of Machinery Convention No. 119, and Recommendation No. 118 of 1963 (b) Benzene Convention No. 136 and Recommendation No. 144 of 1971; (c) Occupational Safety and Health Convention No. 155 and Recommendation No. 164 of 1981; and (d) Occupational Health Service Convention No. 161 and Recommendation No. 171 of 1985.

While the basic principles contained in these ILO instruments have been reflected in the Factories Act, 1948, it has not been possible for the Government to ratify these instruments as national laws do not exist for covering these in respect of all branches of economic activity.

157. [*Transferred to the 3rd March, 1986*]

**Employment generated during various plan periods**

158. SHRI MUSTAFA BIN-QUASEM: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what were the details of employment generation during the Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Five Year Plans, Plan-wise; and

(b) what was the number of job seekers on the live registers of Employment Exchanges at the end of Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Five Year Plans, Plan-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) Employment generated and number of job-seekers on the Live Register of Employment Ex-

changes at the end of Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Five Year Plans.

| Sl. No. | Plan | Employmet Generated (in millions) | **No. of job-seekers on the live Register at the end of the Plan. (in millions) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Second | 8.0 (10.0) | 1.56 |
| 2 | Third | 14.0 | 2.47 |
| 3 | Fourth | * | 8.15 |
| 4 | Fifth | * | 13.41 |
| 5 | Sixth | 35.60 SPY | 23.91 |

*Not available since the committee of Experts on Unemployment Estimates set up by the Planning Commission in 1958, recommended, *inter alia*, that the earlier practice of presenting estimates of additional employment generated by the Plans be given up.

**All job-seekers registered with employment exchanges are not necessarily unemployed and all the nuemployed persons do not register with the employment exchanges.

SPY—Standard Person Year. Work for 273 days for 8 hours a day.

NOTE: Figures in parenthesis shows the revised Estimates.

**Closure of Central Purchase Organisation of DGS&D**

159. DR. LOKESH CHANDRA:

SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to close down the Central Purchase Organisation of the Directorate General of Supplies and Disposals and to allow the individual Government Departments to make their own purchases;

(b) whether Government have received any representations from Punjab, Haryana and Delhi, Chambers of Commerce, opposing the above change; and

(c) if so, by when a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR): (a) A proposal to progressively reduce the responsibility of the Department of Supply for centralised purchases is under consideration.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) By the end of May, 1986.

**Representation against the closure of Akbar Hotel, New Delhi**

160. DR. LOKESH CHANDRA:

SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA:

SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL:

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

SHRI N. E. BALRAM:

SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently received any representation from the